Dear Kenneth Oppel,

I am writing this letter to you about the latest of your books I have read – *Silverwing*. I really enjoyed reading this book for many different reasons; firstly for the way it was written, secondly for the story line, and thirdly, and most importantly, for all the science behind it, and the overall experience of reading it.

I loved reading a book that really showed the science behind the story. Though there are many tastes of fantasy in *Silverwing*, it still shows many characteristics of bats. While reading this book, I developed a love for bats, which are creatures that many people would see as scary at first. But reading about them, I learned a lot and came to see them for something different. A very fascinating species!

I learned a lot about bats in general when I read *Silverwing.*  I now know all about their echo vision, and how that is how they see in the dark; they don’t have the best eyesight, so they rely on it. I also learned about their yearly migration, and how the mothers and newborns live in a separate place from the fathers, they all meet as they migrate south for the winter hibernation. It also showed some fantasy things about them, or things we cannot know for sure, such as what they thought of the bands some of them had around their wrists. The book also explained that Shade believed they had been cheated, and should still be allowed to see the sun. All of these things are plausible, and I like the creativity they show. They may even be true!

As I read this book, I almost felt as though I was experiencing all these events with Shade! Particularly in the beginning chapter, *SHADE*, when you described how Shade was hunting and trying to catch the tiger moth. As you described him flying, and sending his echo vision rays toward the tiger moth, it felt like I was flying along with him. Like I could feel his wings flapping, his heart beating. I found this as one of the main reasons I liked reading your book so much! I would like to thank you for putting all that effort into your books; it really pays off! Keep writing!

From,

Teaghan Stack